

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

THOMAS WERNER  
HARTMUT RUELKE  
CHRISTOF STRECK

Serial No.: 10/691,274

Filed: October 22, 2003

For: TECHNIQUE FOR REDUCING RESIST  
POISONING IN FORMING A  
METALLIZATION LAYER INCLUDING  
A LOW-K DIELECTRIC

Group Art Unit: 1756

Examiner: Daborah Chacko Davis

Att'y Docket: 2000.105300/DE0302

Confirmation No.: 4933

Customer No.: 23720

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2006 and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination.

No fee is believed due, as the previously submitted response to final office action paid a fee for the additional claims included herein. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 for any reason, from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50 0786/2000.105300.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.